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Former New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison appeared on the TODAY Show to discuss his new novel, The Star Spangled Contract. The Agency is mentioned as Garrison recalls his statements made in February, 1967, when he claimed that:

- . CIA was extensively engaged in domestic espionage;
- . CIA was in the murder business;
- . Part of the CIA was involved in the murder of John Kennedy.

Garrison points out that the Agency has admitted being involved in the first two categories, and indicates that he does not expect them to admit to being involved in President Kennedy's assassination.

Garrison does make the statement that the CIA "as a structure, as an organization--was not involved in the murder of John Kennedy, but it did become apparent that "a part of the Central Intelligence Agency was employed".....a part he later described as being "alumni of the Bay of Pigs--adventurer that felt so strongly about regaining Cuba".....

NBC also carried an item about a story in the Boston Globe reporting that the DCI's brother has indicated that Frank Sinatra volunteered his services to the CIA since he is always traveling around the world meeting world leaders.

(Screenings of the program may be arranged by calling Pictorial Services Branch, [redacted])

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